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LETTER DATED 27 AUGUST 1996 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that between 1107 to 1215 hours on 19 August 1996 the United States warship bearing hull number 37 detained and searched the Iraqi fishing vessel Zubaydi at a point one nautical mile south of Mina' Khawr al-Amiq.

I request your intervention with the United States with a view to halting and preventing any repetition of its constant and unwarranted acts of aggression against Iraqi civilian vessels in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of international law. I affirm the legally established right of the Republic of Iraq to seek compensation for the damage caused by such unlawful acts to its property, in accordance with the principle of international responsibility.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saeed H. HASAN
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